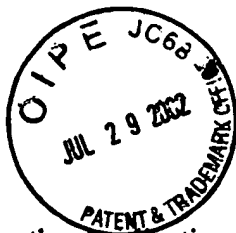


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



PATENT

In re the Application of  
RONALD L. BEALE  
For: BACK SUPPORT APPARATUS FOR USE  
WITH A BACKPACK  
Serial No. 09/844,047 ✓  
Filed: 4/30/01

) Art Unit: 3727  
) Examiner: M. Brevard  
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) July 19, 2002

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action of June 25, 2002, applicant elects species I shown in Figures 1 and 2 of the drawings. Claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 9 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, and 17 read thereon. This election is made without traverse.

An Office Action on the merits of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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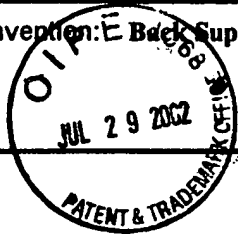
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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)</b>		<b>Docket No.</b> 133/28
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Invention: **E Back Support Apparatus for Use With a Backpack**



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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 FR 1.27 is enclosed.

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